II.—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN :—" The main item of business to-day is the election of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman under Article 182 of the Constitution. Nominations for these offices have already taken place. Under rule 13 (4) of the Madras Council Rules, I have first to read out to the Council the names of the Members who have been duly nominated for the Chairmanship, together with those of their proposers and seconders.

" They are—

Member nominated. (1)	Proposer. (2)	Seconder. (3)
Sri Alexander Gnanamuttu.	Sri V. Chakkarai Chetty.	Sri S. B. Adityan.
Dr. P. V. Cherian.	Sri M. Sitharama Dass.	Sri N. Venkateswarlu.
Dr. P. V. Cherian.	Janab Mahomed Usman.	Sri P. N. Marthandam Pillai.
Dr. P. V. Cherian.	Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao.	Sri M. P. Sivagnana Gramani.

" As more than one Member has been duly nominated, the Council will now proceed under sub-rules (4) to (7) of rule 13 of the Madras Council Rules to elect a Chairman by ballot.

" Two cubicles, one on the eastern and the other on the western side of the Chairman have been provided to enable the hon. Members to record their votes. I have directed the Deputy Secretary to the Council to call the Members according to the order of their names in the alphabetical list and as they approach his seat, each will be handed a ballot paper. After getting his ballot paper, each Member is requested to go into one of the cubicles, record his vote and after doing so, deposit his voting paper
11-15 a.m. in one of the ballot boxes provided for the purpose. Except Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar all the Members have been sworn in."

(Voting then took place. The Deputy Secretary called out the names of Members and as each Member's name was called, the Member came to the Deputy Secretary and took a voting paper. The Member then went into one of the cubicles provided in the Chamber, and after recording his vote deposited the voting paper in one of the two ballot boxes placed on either side of the Deputy Secretary and resumed his seat.

After all the hon. Members had recorded their votes, the Temporary Chairman said, " The counting of the ballot papers will now commence. I appoint Sri S. B. Adityan and Srimathi S. Manjubhashini as Tellers."

When the counting was finished, the two Tellers attested the result of the voting and handed over the paper to the Temporary Chairman.)

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TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN :—" The hon. Member Dr. P. V. Cherian has got 52 votes while the hon. Member Mr. Alexander Gnanamuttu has got 17 votes. I declare that Dr. V. P. Cherian has been duly elected Chairman of this Council.

" It only remains for me to tender to the Hon. Dr. P. V. Cherian my sincere congratulations on his election and I call upon him to occupy the Chair."

(The House received the announcement with loud cheers, the Chairman-elect Dr. P. V. Cherian acknowledging the cheering with a bow.

Then, the Hon. Dr. P. V. Cherian was conducted to the Chair by the Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari and Sri S. B. Adityan and he occupied the Chair amidst cheers.)

I.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* PROMULGATION OF AN ORER UNDER SECTION 144, CR.P.C., IN THE CITY OF MADRAS *cont.*

* SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, now that the Chairman has been elected, I propose to ask for leave of the House to-day for making a motion for adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the issue of an order under section 144, Cr.P.C., prohibiting the assembly or gathering of five or more persons with special reference to certain Legislature Parties and Members of this House; and the enforcement of the order in an arbitrary and inhuman manner and in utter disregard of the dignity of the Members of the Legislature and the public. I have already given notice of the motion in writing before the commencement of business to-day.

" Sir, according to rule 44 of the Madras Council Rules, leave of the House to make the motion may be asked for after questions and before the list of business for the day is entered upon. I mentioned this while the Temporary Chairman was in the Chair and it was then ruled that the appointment of the Temporary Chairman was for a specific purpose and that as soon as he discharged his duties and the permanent Chairman took the Chair, the matter could be raised; in other words, the list of business for the day actually commenced now and therefore this is the time to ask for leave of the House to make the motion. It is a definite matter; it is an urgent matter; and it is a matter of public importance. I therefore request you, Sir, to ask the House for leave for the adjournment motion."

MR. CHAIRMAN (DR. P. V. CHERIAN) :—" I wish to inform the hon. Member that this motion is just being handed over to me and I have had no time to go through it. After the election of the Deputy Chairman is over, I will take up the motion. That is my decision."

* SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, I accept your decision. But, I am asking whether the question is being kept alive."